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TO: ALL LOCAL AGENCIES

Recently, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) increased their efforts to identify construction projects which have not been closed out in a timely manner, and will be writing letters to the communities regarding the need for action on these projects. The goal of the Department is to close out as many projects as possible within 120 days of project completion. A focus group will be meeting in the next few months to develop criteria for taking an action regarding delinquent project close outs. Randy VanPortfleet, Superior Region Engineer, will be chairing this focus group and several areas of the department will be represented (Regions, TSC's, Bureau of Planning, Bureau of Finance, Construction & Technology and Design Division (Local Agency Programs and the Governmental Coordination Unit)).

The Transportation Service Center (TSC) managers will be notifying you if one of your projects is on the list of late final projects. If the TSC manager cannot get the issues resolved, they will inform the Lansing office. The Department management will review the situation and the inability to close out the projects may possibly lead to an action. It is not the intent of MDOT to delay or suspend federal funding to any City/County/Village. However, if we cannot resolve the issues with the projects already under contract, we may decide to not enter into new projects until some of the previous projects are closed. This extra effort to close out old projects is a directive being sponsored by all the levels of management within the Department.

If you have any questions on this correspondence, please contact your local TSC Manager.

Sincerely,

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